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Women's Resource Center presents first health fair focused on women's needs

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Students gathered in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center to chat with health care professionals, listen to guest speakers and win raffle prizes during UNO's first Women's Health and Wellness Fair on Sept. 26.

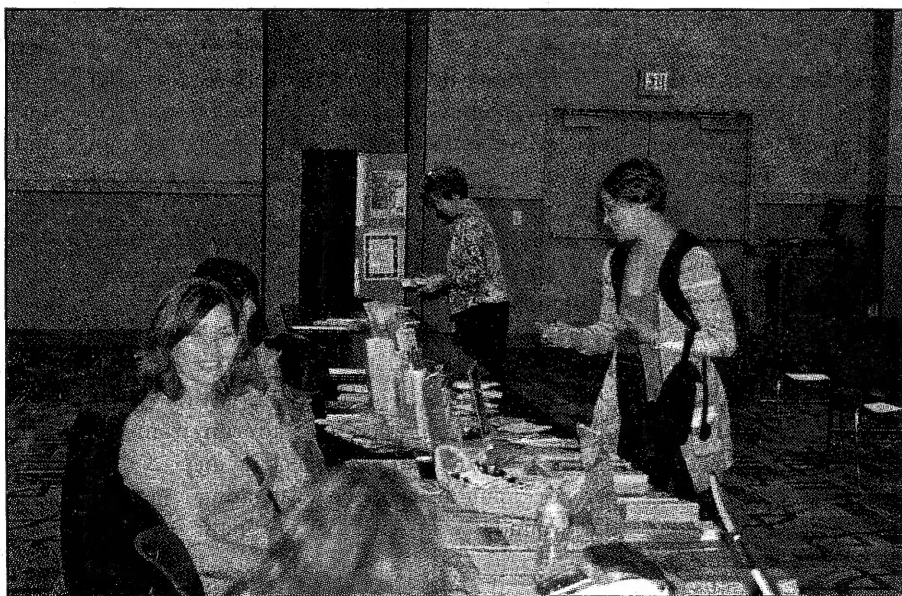
The event was designated a UNO Wellness Stampede event, aimed at improving the health of students and faculty alike through the combined teamwork of multiple organizations brought together by the Women's Resource Center. The day's activities spanned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The idea kind of popped into my head that every year there's just a very general health fair at UNO, but there's not a lot that's specifically focused on women's health needs and concerns," said Rachel Tomlinson Dick, Women's Resource Center director.

Dick said she would've liked information focused on women's health needs when she was a freshman in college.

"I'd love to see UNO, as a campus community, address the subjects of date rape and dating violence on a larger scale," she said.

The Women's Resource Center, located on the main floor of the Milo Bail Student Center, offers free condoms, lubrication, tampons and pads. There is also a library with more than 1,000 books for free check out, as well as informational pamphlets and resources on health-related subjects such as eating disorders, sexual health, Lesbian Gay



UNO student Brianne Hanshaw, 28, visits the various information tables at the Women's Health and Wellness Fair on Monday. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/THE GATEWAY)

Bisexual Transgender concerns, rape and dating violence.

"I really honestly would not even have thought about it until I took a women's studies class here at UNO" said Daniel McCarville, a Women's Resource Center board member. "Then it just got my brain working, all this stuff that can be done and all the stuff there is to be done."

Speakers from UNO Student Health Services, the UNO Counseling Center, UNO Gender and Sexual Orientation Student Agency, The Omaha YWCA and Planned Parenthood hosted tables and provided free educational materials and information to female and male students.

"This event is really great because it highlights women's health issues, and a lot of times women's health issues are [overlooked] because maybe

they're moms, wives and caretakers, and so they take on the caretaker role," said Julie Denker, graduate assistant for Student Health Services.

Student Health Services also provides free STD testing and over-the-counter medication and advice for other health concerns like heart disease, cholesterol management and counseling services via the UNO Counseling Center.

UNO Counseling Center Director Marti Rosen-Atherton was one of many presenters throughout the day.

"We are very pleased to have psychiatrists on campus every two weeks who meet with student free of charge if there needs to be a psychiatric evaluation and possible medication," she said.

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Health care costs are catching up with the growing economy

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Over the past decade, the economy has grown 20 percent, while health care-related costs have increased 50 percent. Health-care concerns are on the minds of most Americans, including college students. UNO hosted a forum on health-care reform in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service's Collaborating Commons on Monday afternoon to inform students and the public about different aspects currently under scrutiny.

Experts from multiple departments of the UNMC shared information and answered questions during the 90-minute event.

The panel, including Keith Mueller, associate dean of UNMC Academic Affairs, Cory Shaw, CEO of UNMC Physicians and Mark Bowen, director of UNMC Government Relations, attempted to shed light on the controversial reform.

All the experts agreed that their needed to be change within the health-care system to drive down exploding costs.

"Very little is attributable to the cost of care," Mueller said. "Executives are getting too much."

This is partially why insurance premiums are rising so dramatically, Mueller said. The experts wanted to clarify that reform would come at a cost.

"The bottom line is you will pay more taxes to support change in the system," Shaw said.

Cost-saving procedures wouldn't be implemented for another 10 years. This is the amount of time being considered for federal expenditures.

"We will save money in the long run," Shaw said.

Mueller believes health-insurance reform will be the main focal point of the bill. Being taken into consideration are issues such as guaranteed issue, guaranteed renewal, the prohibition of pre-existing condition clauses, subsidies to low-income households, targeting individual, small group markets and mandates requiring insurance for individuals.

"We are indiscriminate as consumers when it comes to access of care," Shaw said. "We will want the best care all of the time."

The hotly debated public option seemed a moot point. It may not receive enough bipartisan support to make it into the final bill.

"If you go with the public option, it will inevitably go to a single-payer system solution," Shaw said.

This would eliminate the active competition the government would hope to stimulate with the public option, he said.

With all the recent media attention, the bill appears to be taking longer to approve than usual. The first hearing was 18 months ago. The hope is to have the Senate Finance Committee debate done by Columbus Day so the bill can reach the House of Representatives by December.

Most of the forum focused on clarifying the many misconceptions associated with health care reform and the likely measures the bill would need to receive enough support to reach the president's desk.

With the reform slowly working through Congress, Bowen said, "the desire to make changes comes down to many steps Congress is willing to take right now."

The event was part of an ongoing effort of UNMC, UNMC Physicians and the Nebraska Medical Center to serve as a bipartisan resource for elected officials, business and community entities and to communicate the potential impact of health-care reform proposals.

Vietnam vet comes to UNO to recount tales of war and personal healing

MIKE BELL
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Col. Roger Donlon spoke Tuesday about his military service that earned him the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. Donlon was the first to earn the medal for service in Vietnam. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

Military graduates of UNO gathered in the Bootstrapper Hall of the Thompson Alumni Center Tuesday night to hear guest speaker Col. Roger Donlon, 74. Donlon was the first U.S. soldier to receive the Medal of Honor, which is the nation's highest military mark of distinction, during the Vietnam War.

Before enlisting, Donlon received a bachelor's degree in general studies at UNO and his master's degree from Campbell University. He has served in both the Army and Air Force.

In 1964, Donlon and his special operations team were stationed at Nam Dong, 15 miles from the Laos border. On the morning of July 6, two battalions of Viet Cong attacked his base. Donlon is credited

for successfully leading his forces in pushing back the enemy.

Donlon began his speech stressing the importance of family values and tradition, telling his audience that since World War I, the wives and mothers in his family would wave flags for their sons and husbands when they went off to war.

"I'll never forget one day after church, my mother asked me to help her do something special for my brother," he said. "We made him a flag just before he got shipped to Anzio, Italy, where he received his baptism of fire."

He told the room that every now and again he enjoys looking back on the experiences he's had.

"In 1963, while I was based in Alaska, I met Jimmy Doolittle and

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Rosen-Atherton stressed the importance for women to maintain a healthy, balanced life through the six spokes in the wheel of life: intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and sexually, spiritually and environmentally.

"One of our really important pieces that we do at Planned Parenthood of the Heartland is outreach," said LeeAnn Pancharoen, the lead health educator for Planned Parenthood.

"We want people to understand the wide range of our sexual health services, so we're really excited to be here," she said. "One of our big campaigns right now is 'Safe is Sexy,'

and I think that we need to find ways to make sure that everyone understands that being safe when it comes to sexuality is sexy."

Planned Parenthood offers confidential services including annual exams, birth control options as well as STD testing, treatment and "fabulous educational services," Pancharoen said.

Xin Liu, a UNO freshman, said the Counseling and Health Centers are necessary parts of student life.

"I think they are really willing to help students and mostly UNO girls in their lives and to protect them and teach them how to protect themselves," she said. "I would be

interested in going again, I think it's good and very helpful."

McCarville said he was drawn to the event not only through his ties with the Women's Resource Center, but because he wants to increase awareness and combat misinformation.

"What drew me here was knowing how much good we can do for the students by just providing information," McCarville said.

"The most important thing we can improve is our own behavior," he said. "Nobody makes good choices all of the time, but we can make good choices most of the time, and that's the most important change."

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Curt LeMay," he said. "I had goose bumps the size of a quarter."

James Doolittle was the Commander of the Doolittle Raid and he received a Medal of Honor. Gen. Curt LeMay implemented a successful bombing strategy for the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

The two military icons were organizing a fishing trip. Doolittle and LeMay came walking down a hill and Donlon said he knew of a great waterhole for king salmon.

After an hour of fishing with no success, Donlon became nervous he had picked a dead spot. Suddenly, Doolittle began to reel in a 48-pounder. Donlon prayed he wouldn't get court-martialed if the fish got away.

He met Doolittle again in 1966 at the Medal of Honor Convention for all 400 living recipients. Doolittle saw Donlon shoulder-to-shoulder in formation and said, "That's you, Donlon! When we going fishing again?"

Near the end of his speech, Donlon took questions from the crowd.

One man asked if it was true that Donlon had been hit by mortar shrapnel five times. He reportedly took injuries to his face, shoulders, legs and a deep wound to his stomach yet still found the will to fight on for hours.

Donlon nodded. Even after getting his boots

blown off and stuffing a bit of his own shirt into his gut to stop the bleeding, it was his job to be the messenger that day because he was the leader, he said.

"It wasn't my actions that kept us alive that day. It was Sgt. Keith Daniels," Donlon said. "As soon as we started getting overrun, he did not wait for me to instruct him to send a message for help."

The moment Daniels finished requesting help, enemy forces simultaneously destroyed all communication equipment.

"If Daniels hadn't sent that message, we'd all be part of the real estate," he said.

Daniels died during the fight. With no radio to give orders, Donlon had to run from the mortar pit to the gun nest, checking on people, giving instructions, evacuating the wounded and picking up hand grenades, he said.

"Thank God they had the old Chinese grenades because they weren't as quick as ours, so we had time to throw them back," he said.

Sgt. John Houston, one of Donlon's friends, died that day. Just the day before, Houston had received a letter from his wife announcing she was expecting twins. She went into labor prematurely.

One of the twins, John Jr., died at

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Friday, Sept. 18, 2009

6 p.m. Student reported the theft of personal property from their vehicle parked in Lot 10. The theft occurred between Sept. 14 at 10 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

12:10 a.m. While on patrol of Saint Margaret Mary's parking lots, Campus Security discovered a controlled substance violation. Omaha Police responded. One visitor was cited for possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce. Two visitors were released to their parents. One visitor was transported home by the Omaha Police Department.

12:54 a.m. Visitor reported vandalism to their vehicle while parked in Lot 9. The vandalism occurred between Sept. 18 at 9:30 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 12:45 a.m.

3:07 a.m. While on patrol of Lot K, Campus Security discovered a controlled substance and alcohol violation. The Omaha Police responded. One student was cited for possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol.

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Homer's closes two more stores, adapts to changing music industry

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With the current recession still leaving many businesses hurting, one local chain of music stores is closing two of its locations in hopes of staying afloat during these troubled times.

This month, Homer's Music and Gifts, a local independent media outlet, closed its Lincoln and Saddle Creek locations. The Lincoln Homer's at 6105 O St. closed up shop on Sept. 5 while the Saddle Creek Homer's at 530 N Saddle Creek Road shut its doors last week on Sept. 19. During the 1990s, Homer's

had up to 15 stores in places such as Bellevue, Lincoln and Des Moines. However, these recent closings leave the company with only two locations – one in west Omaha at 2457 S. 132nd St. and the other in downtown Omaha at 1210 Howard St.

Daniel Diedrich worked part-time at

Saddle Creek Homer's after recently stepping down from his consignment manager position. Now Diedrich splits his time between working at the two remaining locations.

"I just know that since the recession hit, sales have gone down drastically at each store," Diedrich said. "I don't think they have the funds to keep them open. It is a strategy to keep what's left of the company alive."

With these two stores closing, Dietrich said it wasn't completely up to Homer's to shut down their mid-town location.

"I also know that the lease was up at Saddle Creek," Diedrich said. "They wanted to buy the building, but the owner refused without purchase of a much greater package."

Competitors like Best Buy, Wal-Mart and Target also take away from the outlet's business. Because of the amount of albums these stores sell nationwide, record labels allow the retailers to advertise their albums at lower prices, Diedrich said.

"I would rather wait for a band to play a show locally and buy an album directly from them instead of places like Wal-Mart, because I know that all the money from that purchase is going directly to the band instead of major record labels or big name stores," said sophomore Phil Manley, who plays bass guitar and drums for local bands Madness Sale and Brannigan's Law.

Despite the closings, however, Homer's is looking into new sales opportunities by offering music-purchasing alternatives. The growing popularity of downloadable music Web sites such as iTunes and Rhapsody will help the company keep up the changing music scene.



Customers browse through music at Homer's on Saddle Creek. The store shut its doors for good on Sept. 19. (Tom McCauley/The Gateway)

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ROAD CLOSING!

UNIVERSITY DRIVE SOUTH ROAD CLOSING SCHEDULED

Tentatively starting **Monday Sept. 28th University Drive South will be closed** for repair. For approximately two weeks, the road from Elmwood park that goes past the HPER Building and the Central Utilities Plant will be closed due to construction. During that time, the Pacific Shuttle Bell Tower drop-off and Library pick-up will be moved to north of the Milo Bail Student Center. Watch for signs regarding delays in construction start and stop times.

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3-D movies are making a comeback

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(MCT) - Those who remember the cheesy horror flicks of the '50s might not believe it, but 3-D movies are experiencing a renaissance and may usher in an era where viewing images in three dimensions is the rule, not the exception.

In the past five years, about 20 3-D films have hit theaters, most recently "The Final Destination" last weekend. Another 50 or so are in production, including "Avatar," the latest film from "Titanic" director James Cameron.

One reason for the surge is that theater owners have found they generally can charge more for three-dimensional films than their two-dimensional counterparts, analysts and industry experts say. What's more, 3-D movies tend to sell more seats per showing, they say.

"3-D cinema has proven itself to be very profitable for Hollywood," said Matthew Brennesholtz, a senior analyst at Insight Media, a consulting and publishing firm that focuses on display technologies.

Entertainment, electronics and technology companies hope to follow Hollywood's lead and bring 3-D display technologies into consumers' homes. Already you can find computer monitors and televisions that say they are "3-D ready."

But the road into the home may be a long one, analysts caution. Most consumers will need to buy new TV screens and computer monitors -

not to mention special 3-D glasses - to be able to watch 3-D movies or play 3-D games.

Even if they already have 3-D-ready devices, they won't be able to do much with them for a while. That's because there's no agreement yet on the technical standards for how to deliver 3-D images to consumers' TV screens. And not many movies, TV shows or games are now available in 3-D.

"In the near term [3-D] cinema is a sure thing," said Jennifer Colegrove, an analyst who covers display technologies for DisplaySearch, a market research firm. "For other applications ... the 3-D market is still quite small."

Three-dimensional technologies have a long history, dating back to the early days of still photography and moving images. They attempt to trick the brain into registering a three-dimensional image by tapping into people's stereoscopic vision. Each eye is shown its own image that typically overlaps with one seen by the other eye. The brain puts the two together to create a three-dimensional picture.

The 1950s 3-D horror films produced two different images by overlapping blue- and red-tinted images. Viewers were able to see a 3-D image by wearing goofy glasses with one red lens and one blue one that canceled out the tints on screen.

Later techniques used in the 1970s and 1980s overlapped images projected in light that had been altered by polarization. Viewers had to wear glasses with lenses polarized in two

different ways. A polarized lens or filter acts like the teeth of a comb; only light of the same polarization - i.e., whose waves are parallel to the comb's teeth - can pass through.

The latest iterations of 3-D still typically require you to wear glasses - sometimes polarized, sometimes with electronic "shutters" that alternately close over each eye. But they rely on computer technologies, such as digital video projectors and computerized production, to get the 3-D effect.

Those advances have corrected some of the bugs that plagued past iterations of 3-D video. With analog film projection, it was relatively easy for the two images to get out of sync, or for the image to flicker or degrade. Such problems could not only diminish the 3-D effect but leave viewers with nausea or headaches.

Digital images don't degrade like film does and the computer behind the projector can keep the stereoscopic images in perfect sync.

"The technology is now bulletproof," said Michael Lewis, CEO and co-founder of RealD, whose 3-D projector technology has been the most widely adopted in the United States. "It truly replicates the way we see."

The bulk of 3-D films using the latest digital techniques have been animated films. That's because such films are composed on computers and already constructed in three virtual dimensions. Translating them into stereoscopic 3-D images is a fairly easy task.

In contrast, live-action films require

different camera equipment. And directors have to be brought up to speed on how to film and use 3-D, analysts say. That's slowly happening, but it may be a long time before 3-D makes its way into the living room.

To project stereoscopic 3-D images, a TV or monitor needs to have a refresh rate of at least 120 Hz, notes Jon Peddie president of Jon Peddie Research. While new televisions typically can do that, few older ones can, he said.

So most consumers will need to buy a new TV or computer monitor to watch 3-D programming, and many may be reluctant to go through the upgrade cycle in the near future after recently replacing their old analog TVs with digital ones.

"That'll be a barrier," Peddie acknowledges.

He and other analysts think the first place 3-D will take off in the home is with video games. As with animated films, games are already produced in three virtual dimensions, making them fairly easy to display in stereoscopic 3-D. Electronics companies are already making special 3-D-capable monitors, game companies are starting to make 3-D-compatible games and graphics chip giant Nvidia is pushing software that can display standard games in 3-D.

Gamers present a natural target, Brennesholtz said.

"There are lots of gamers willing to spend a lot of money" on games and accessories, he said.

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"Homer's recently created a digital download source of their own," Diedrich said. "It's just another way to keep up with the competition of digital media. It's still a new idea to some people but I can see it catching on sooner than later. This is a really good strategy I think, and a great way to secure funds."

These digital sources have been booming in recent years, especially among the younger generations. According to iTunes.com, more than 5 billion songs have been sold from their online store between 2001 and 2008 with no signs of

slowing down.

"College kids don't buy CDs but if you go back 20 years, they didn't buy LPs then either. They made home tapes," said Mike Fratt, Homer's general manager for the past 31 years. "This is no different than loading up their iPod from a friend's library of music."

Diedrich agreed, saying that he believes online retailers may actually be helping their business because these companies give potential customers the ability to test drive albums and decide whether it's something they want to spend their money on.

"Before iTunes, people couldn't always be sure if they actually wanted the record and they wouldn't bother getting it whereas downloading can offer you a little better idea of what to expect from a purchase," Diedrich said.

Another trend that's threatening independent record stores and the music industry is the rise in illegal music downloading.

According to the IFPI, the international equivalent to the Recording Industry of Artists in America, only 5 percent of all music

downloads were legal in 2008. The organization also found that 40 billion tracks were also shared illegally, averaging nearly 30 songs per Internet user worldwide.

"I would rather watch someone steal my album from a record store than have them download it illegally on the Internet," Manley said. "At least if they steal the physical album, they have the cover art and credits that come along with it that we put a lot of hard work into."

One advantage Homer's does have over the major retail chains is that they sell albums from local bands in addition to the latest artists featured on the Billboard Top 100. Vinyl records from past and present, movie posters and various other music memorabilia are also top sellers at the retail outlet.

"There is nothing better to me than actually purchasing a CD or vinyl that I want and taking it home, unwrapping it and looking through the artwork," Diedrich said. "It gives you a sense of gratitude, more so than finding it online somewhere. I love digging for records I don't have."

But from 15 stores down to two, many loyal consumers and music gurus like Diedrich fear that record stores like Homer's will soon become a dying breed.

"If you always go to Wal-Mart or online to get your music because it's more convenient, there won't be much left of the whole record store experience," Diedrich said.

Entertainment Editor Andrea Barbe contributed to this story.

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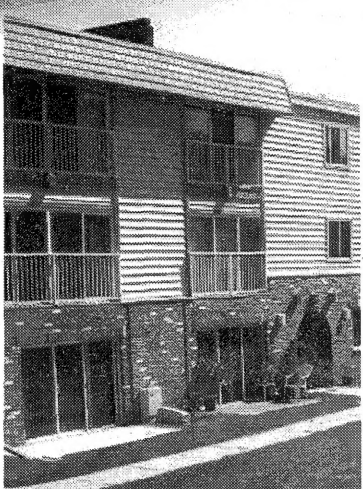

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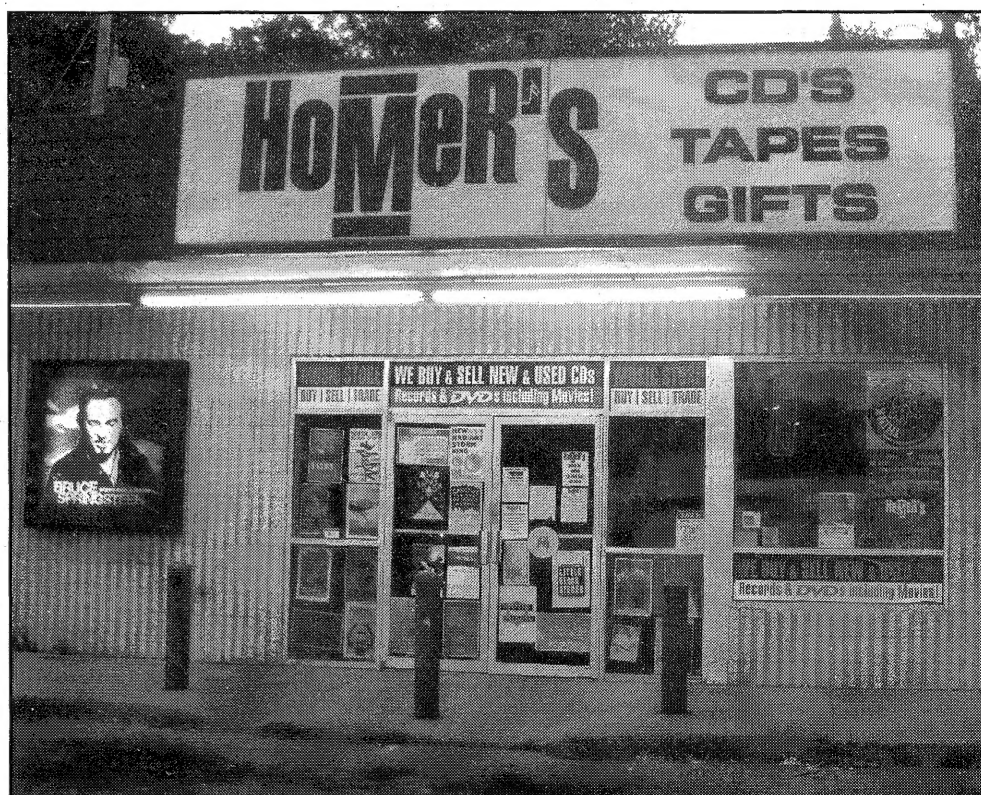
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Homer's closed its Saddle Creek store on Sept. 19 as well as its location in Lincoln, leaving the chain with only two stores in Omaha. (Tom McCauley/The Gateway)



Junior goalkeeper Lauren Fox has been named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week for her performance in goal last week. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Mavs' Fox earns Defensive Player of the Week honors

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

For the early part of the season, junior goalkeeper Lauren Fox split time in net behind senior Elizabeth Odorisio, usually playing in the second half while Odorisio got the start.

Against Truman State, head coach Don Klosterman decided to start Fox and kept her in net for the entire duration of the game. She responded with seven saves and only one goal against her. It was her first win of the season.

Since then, the Mavs have played two Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association games. Fox remained in net for UNO. She took advantage of the two starts by saving nine shots and shutting out both opponents.

Fox was named the MIAA Defensive Player of the Week for her performances.

"Lauren's been given the chance to start and she's taken care of it," Klosterman said.

Klosterman believes that the development of the back line of defenders has helped make Fox's job a little easier.

"All five defenders have played so well," Klosterman said. "They've started to come together and understand their jobs and the system."

Klosterman is happy with Fox's development,

which gives him two solid goalkeepers to work with.

"I don't think it's cut and dry between who is better," Klosterman said. "Odorisio is ready to jump in. It's a really good situation where both are ready to go."

Fox has played in every game so far in the young season. She played one half against third-ranked Metro State and led the team with three saves. She repeated her performance the next game against the Colorado School of Mines, leading the team with three saves while playing the entire second half.

Fox struggled against Central Oklahoma and No. 23 St. Edward's. She allowed two goals in the victory against Central Oklahoma but gave up three goals to St. Edward's.

She played only 24 minutes in net against Missouri Western, but scored her first career goal and had one save.

Fox got her second start of the season on Sept. 17 against Central Missouri, saving seven shots and allowing no goals in the 2-0 victory against the Jennies.

She followed that up with her second consecutive shutout, a 2-0 victory over Missouri Southern on Sept. 19. Fox had two saves in the game.

Coach Shires secures 400th career win

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It's been a long journey since volleyball head coach Rose Shires first started her coaching career.

She now finds herself with 400 career wins, an impressive feat in its own right. What makes it more impressive was that she has won them all at UNO.

She is already UNO's career wins leader, but can now consider herself one of 21 active coaches in NCAA Division II to have 400 career victories.

"It's a great accomplishment to achieve in a lifetime, let alone in one program," Shires said.

She was quick to highlight the help she has received over the years, most notably from associate head coach Karen Povondra.

"First and foremost, Karen has been working with me and the program for 19 years and she's been right by my side," Shires said. "I would say she is extremely responsible for our wins every time we are on the floor."

Shires also commented on how instrumental her student-athletes have been.

"I've had the type of student-athlete to make success easy," Shires said.

Shires was a successful student-athlete at the University of Texas at El Paso, where she earned two team MVP's playing volleyball. After graduating, Shires became a high school junior varsity head coach for two years. She was also the varsity coach for two years, before an interesting scenario brought her to Omaha.

While in town for a wedding anniversary, Shires' father noticed that the head coach position for the UNO volleyball team had opened. Her father decided to take matters into his own hands.

He called Connie Claussen, Athletic Director at the time, and told her that Rose would be perfect for the job.

"He was a great sports agent," Shires said. "A few months later I was here as an assistant."

While coaching for the volleyball team, Shires earned her master's degree in exercise science before becoming the head coach in the late 1980s.

Since then, Shires has amassed a 400-218 record at UNO, including a national championship in 1996.

Along with her coaching duties, Shires has served as associate athletic director and senior women's administrator from 2006 to 2008.

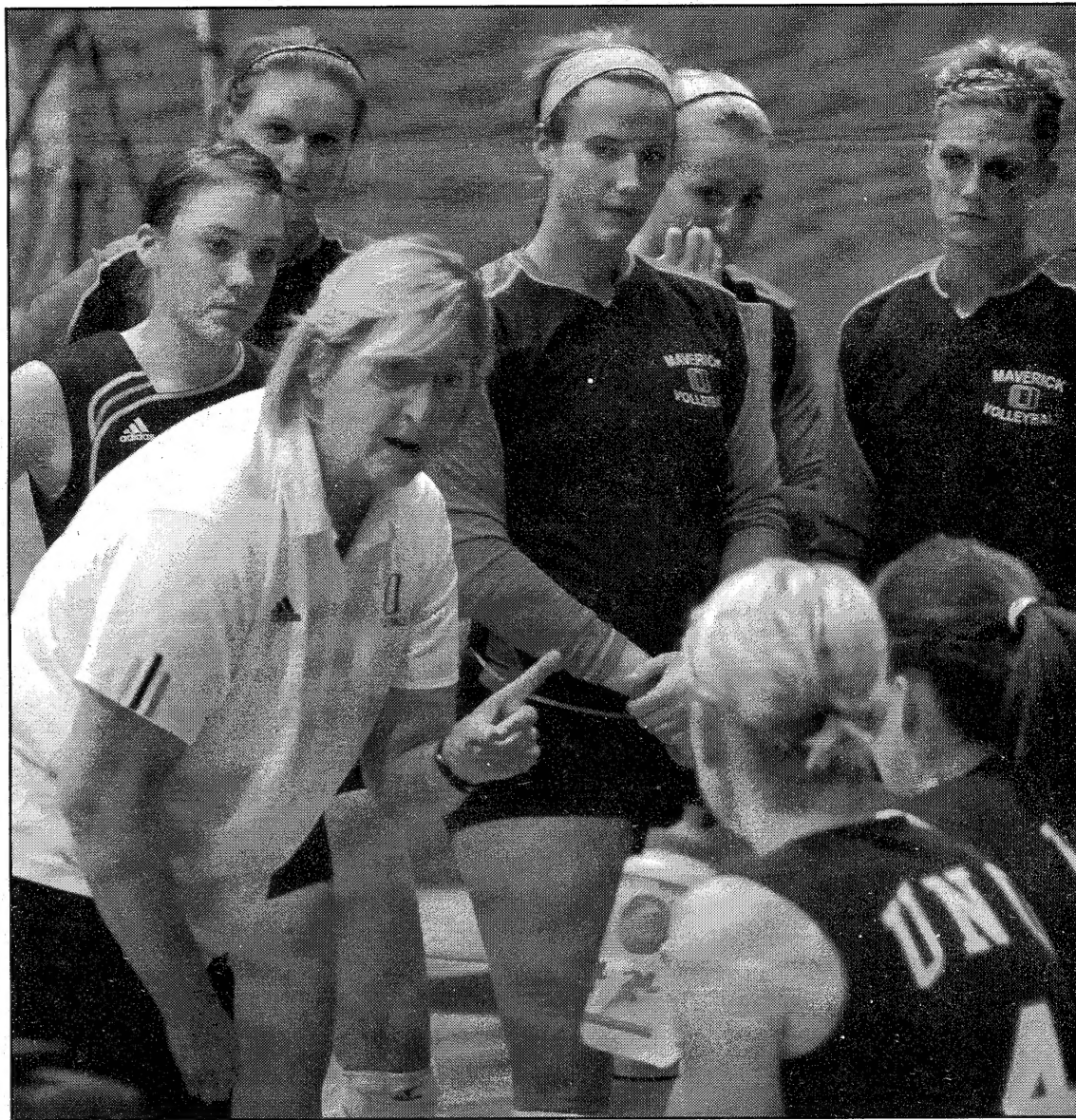
"Anytime the athletic director needs a hand, I pitch in to make this entire department be successful," Shires said.

Shires continues to teach classes at the UNO Health, Physical Education and Recreation building and said she enjoys the job.

"I love teaching and being a part of the college atmosphere," she said.

Shires takes pride in academics. Her teams have had a combined 3.5 GPA for 11 consecutive years, and Shires hopes that streak continues.

"There are high expectations placed on student-athletes when they are here," Shires said. "When we have those expectations, I have to hold up my end of the bargain and allow them



Coach Rose Shires earned her 400th career win on Saturday after the Mavs defeated Southwest Baptist. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

the opportunity to study and attend class."

With all that goes on around Shires on a daily basis, she said she couldn't feel better about where she's at.

"It's been great that UNO has given me the opportunity to be successful," Shires said. "I've loved it here so much, I can't honestly see any place better than where I am."

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Mav golfers finish second at Wildwood Lodge Invitational

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The Mavs golf team finished one stroke behind Winona State to finish second at the Wildwood Lodge Invitational, hosted by Concordia St. Paul.

The tournament was held at Tartan Park Golf Course on Sunday and Monday.

Three Mavs finished in the top 10 to lead UNO to its second consecutive second-place finish. The Mavs finished second at the Drury Fall Shootout last week.

Senior Abbey Weddle and junior Dani Suponchick led the Mavs with a two-day

score of 160 to finish in a three-way tie for seventh.

Sophomore Armana Christianson finished one stroke back, a two-day score of 161, to finish third for the Mavs and tied for tenth overall.

Senior Erin Ommen finished in a seven-way tie for 14th, shooting 163 for the tournament. Sophomore Rebecca Pollock and junior Ricca Soper finished with a score of 164 to tie for 21st overall. Soper was playing as an individual.

The Mavs return to the links on Sept. 26, participating in the Mustang Invitational, hosted by Southwest Minnesota State.



Dani Suponchick posted a two-day score of 160 to finish in a three way tie for seventh. PHOTO COURTESY OF OMAYS.COM

Huskers blow victory, but look ready for conference play

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The Virginia Tech game was a tough one to take. Real tough.

And really, what can be said that hasn't already been said around every water cooler in the state?

Husker fans have had to deal with heartbreaking losses like this too often in recent years. Texas Tech. Texas. Texas Tech again.

But this one seemed different—at least for 59 minutes of the game.

The Blackshirts had a hammerlock on the Hokies' offense, allowing one touchdown on a short field on the first possession before safety Matt O'Hanlon's unfortunate mental error with 1:11 in the game allowed Tyrod Taylor and Co. to take the lead.

You can't blame the defense, though. They played great. Even if Virginia Tech's offense isn't the best in the nation, the Blackshirts finally looked the part that head coach Bo Pelini has been striving for.

It was the offense this time that didn't come through.

That being said, you still have to come away impressed with the way Nebraska looked on the road. The game was lost, but it helped prepare the Huskers for the Big 12 conference schedule ahead, especially with road games against Missouri and Kansas.

Here are my thoughts on what went down Saturday.

-Zac Lee looked off. I don't know if it was because this was his first-career road game (and Blacksburg is not the best place to start) or because of a rumored pre-game injury to his hand, but he didn't look like the same General Lee we saw the first two weeks of the season. His accuracy just wasn't there. It was obvious that Bud Foster's

Hokie defense wanted to get after Lee and rattle him, and it appears they were successful.

-Roy Helu bounced back after his performance against Arkansas State to lead the team with 169 rushing yards on 28 carries. It was great to see him perform so well against such a high-quality defense. On the other hand...

-Nebraska misses Quentin Castille, especially in the red zone. The bruiser's physical presence was sorely lacking when the Huskers got close to the goal line. Would he have made a difference Saturday?

-Watson's play calling was a little conservative for my taste. Nebraska didn't move the ball substantially until Watson allowed Lee to start throwing. This opened things up for Helu on the ground. But why didn't we take more deep shots down the field?

-What was that string of penalties in the red zone late in the third quarter? I don't even have to mention the offensive possession in question here. It was, quite frankly, one of the worst offensive possessions I have ever seen from a Husker team. How do you get first down and goal and end up punting? By having two holding and two false start penalties, that's how.

-I was happy to see Phillip Dillard take over the starting WILL position, considering the lack of physicality we've seen from the position the first few weeks. That's not necessarily a knock on starter Blake Lawrence, but Dillard provides plenty of experience and can bring some pain.

-Speaking of the WILL position, where is Matt May? We've heard since spring how impressive this kid has looked, yet we've barely seen him at all.

-You have to feel for O'Hanlon. While he made a costly error, it was only one error of many that happened. He shouldn't take the full brunt of the blame, but that's probably going to be the case, especially since this is not a new occurrence from him.

Mavs win seventh consecutive match

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The Mavs volleyball team is officially on fire. Since their loss to Nebraska-Kearney on Sept. 9, the No. 20 Mavs have reeled off seven straight wins, including two this past weekend against Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association foes at home.

The Mavs (13-3, 3-0 MIAA) defeated No. 22 Pittsburg State 3-2 on Sept. 18 and followed it up with a clean sweep of Southwest Baptist on Sept. 19. The win against Southwest Baptist gave head coach Rose Shires her 400th career victory.

The five-set battle against Pittsburg State was a heated match with many sets being decided at the very end. The Mavs won 22-25, 25-23, 29-27, 19-25, 15-13. The match had 40 ties and 16 lead changes.

Senior middleblocker Ellen Thommes led three Mavs with double-digit kills. She had 19 while senior hitter Sara Kampschnieder added 18 and sophomore middleblocker Brittany Hanssen had 15.

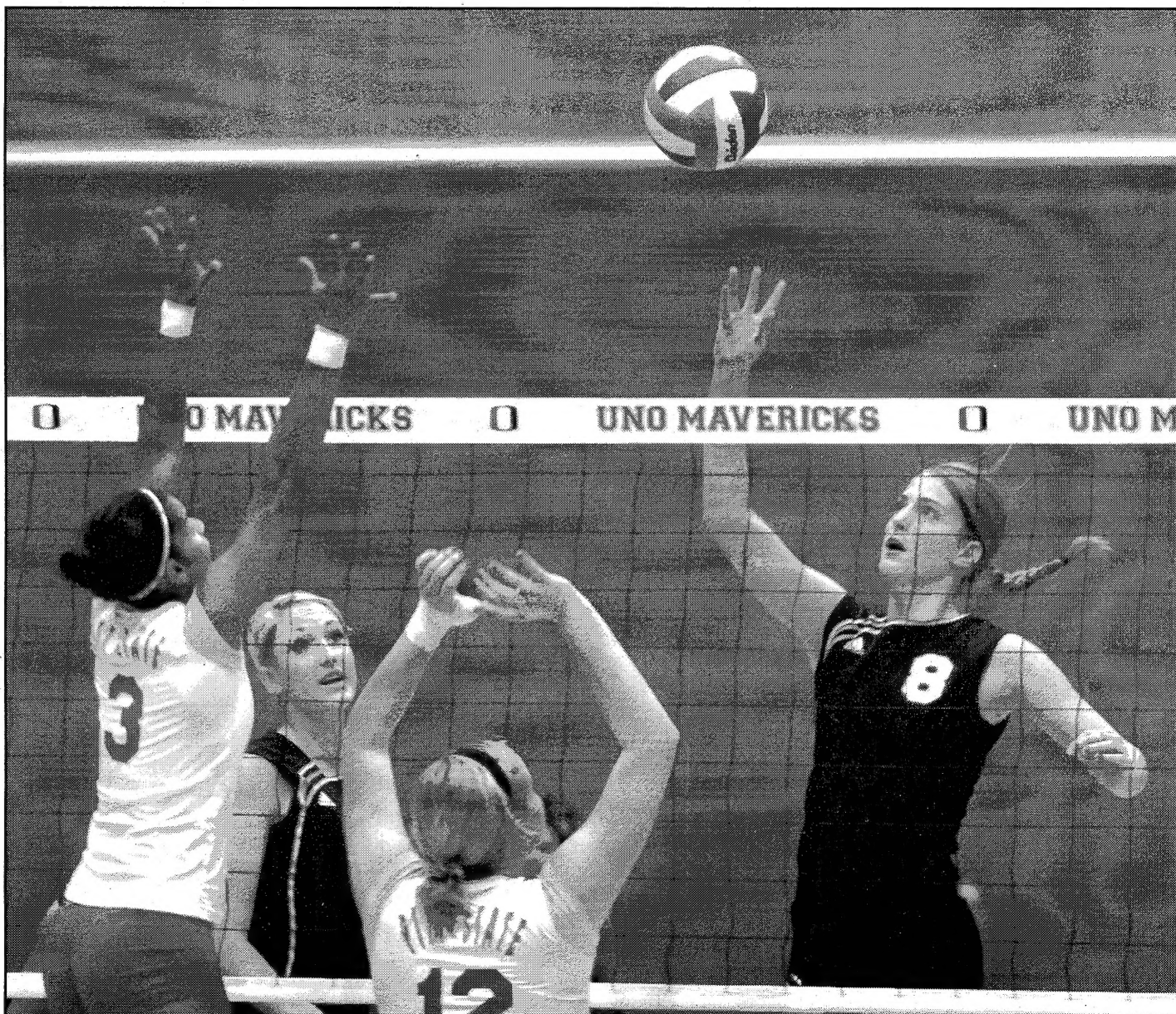
UNO blocked 11 shots defensively while sophomore defensive specialist Angie Reicks led the back row with 19 digs. Sophomore setter Emily Myers had 13 digs along with 58 assists.

The next day's match was an impressive 3-0 rout of the Bearcats. The Mavs won 25-10, 25-16, 25-18.

Thommes registered 11 kills and had her second-consecutive, error-free match. She had a .524 attack percentage for the match. Junior hitter Kayla Uhing had 10 kills.

The Mavs hit .270 as a team while holding Southwest Baptist to a .053 percentage. Thommes led the Mavs defensively with three blocks.

Myers had 35 assists while Reicks contributed 13 digs.



UNO's Ellen Thommes (No. 8) prepares to send the ball past Pittsburg State's Pamela Cartagena (No. 3) and Leah Flynn (No. 12). Looking on for UNO is Emily Myers. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Prop Str8: a whole new world

KATE DOWD
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"Reporting live from Parker Boulevard, I'm Chastity Clearweather. Behind me are the remains of Club Rico, a dance club and bar known for being straight-friendly."

I placed my coffee mug on the counter, my eyes zooming past Chastity's platinum blonde hair to the crumbles of brick and foundation that used to be your favorite place to go.

"Sometime last night, arsonists poured gasoline along the perimeter before setting fire to the club. So far police have no suspects, and there are a reported 56 lives that have been lost or injured in the fire. With me now is James Wright, an outspoken activist for heterosexual civil rights."

The camera panned out so that James, the one you always spoke so highly of, came into view. Chastity slyly stepped sideways, away from James, as he began to speak.

"This is just another example of the prejudices society continues to put up against straights. We," he corrected, "are no different from yourselves. We have families, friends, dreams, loves. How many more lives need to be lost or ruined before everyone realizes we deserve the same rights given to others?"

Even on camera I could see his tears welling up; I could hear the passion in his words as if he was saying them directly to me. I finally understood, standing there in my empty, cold kitchen, why you had loved him. He was passionate; a fighter. You had always spoken of wanting to be with someone like that; someone to "be brave" for you. I always regretted how I could never muster up the courage to tell you that you were brave in your own unique, beautiful way. You were always stronger than you gave yourself credit for, and not a day goes by where I don't still envy that strength and perseverance you exemplified, even in your dark, final days of life.

It has been a year since you were killed, but each day has felt like a lifetime since the days I was once able to call you at any given time to share anecdotes or qualms, or just to check and see how you were doing. Things moved slower for me without my best friend here to keep things upbeat and lively. Although Alice, the only girlfriend I've had that you approved of, had left me a month ago, it still felt like yesterday when I walked sleepily into the kitchen, the diamond ring I had given her sitting on the counter with a note that read, "I'm sorry."

While life moved agonizingly slow for me, the world you left behind changed, each day growing more hateful and more dangerous for heterosexuals just like yourself. The news today would make you furrow your brow as you'd bite your lips and cross your arms across your chest tightly, hugging yourself. As much as you would have denied it, you were a visionary, something that was ignited by your interaction with James. I remember the transformation after your meeting with him, when you began to speak more passionately about a world where you could live freely, marry the man you wanted, get the jobs you applied for, and buy your dream house without hurdling through ludicrous obstacles.

The week before you disappeared, you and James had started planning a peaceful protest that was to take place outside the state capitol building. Inside, state officials were warring and arguing over a bill that would end discrimination against heterosexuals. While not allowing them the right to marry, it was a step in the right direction, and I could sense the concern and apprehension in your actions leading up to the protest. You worked so hard for something you never got to see, for rights you

deserved but never got to live.

Hate crimes were not nearly as prevalent when you were alive as they had become in the last year, when it became clear to the opposition that it was increasingly more likely this bill would pass. When we were growing up, lying in my backyard as we stared up at the vast, blue sky, dreaming of the women we would marry, the hatred displayed towards straights was never quite so public or twisted into such violent acts.

There were extremists, as there always are for moral issues, who were frightening in their cunning ability to express, violently, their opposition of heterosexual marriage (or heterosexuals in general), and many were able to escape the punishment they deserved for causing the destruction and heartbreak that they did. It started to worsen over months, to the point where people were too scared to leave their homes at night, and the number of shootings rising to an alarming high this spring. It was your worst nightmare; the entire country had polarized itself on the issue to the point of an outright civil battle that turned our country into a dangerous playground for fierce advocates and even more determined adversaries. The push for heterosexuals right to marry was never so strong, and the fight against this right was just as strong.

When we were in high school in the mid-80s, things were more peaceful. We rarely heard of any crimes or riots, at least not of this magnitude. Many Americans thought of homosexuality as a psychological disorder, and acted as though it was leprosy. Generally, if someone was heterosexual, they would have been pushed back into the moldy, decrepit woodwork of forgotten society. Even behind the formidable walls of our high school, we started hearing rumors of a movement. One of the most talked about politicians those days, Martin Nelson, was not the slightest bit hesitant of expressing his advocacy for heterosexual rights, not even when it came to publicly announcing his own sexual orientation. When more and more news surfaced of this new social movement (it was our junior year), you started acting differently. Instead of the calm and patient Kennedy I grew up with, you were jumpy and irritable; scared, almost. It wasn't until your girlfriend of two years, Megan, approached me when I started worrying.

"You have to talk to her, Harper," she pleaded, her cobalt eyes brimming with tears. "I'm worried about her."

"Have you tried talking to her?" I shifted uncomfortably as I leaned against the wall. A few years back, I had resolved to never interfere with your love life, after some bad advice on my part landed you in a bewildering love triangle that nearly ended our friendship.

"Don't you think I've tried?" Megan was incredulous now, not that I couldn't blame her. You had only exhibited this behavior twice in the time I'd known you. Once, when your parents were on the brink of divorce, fighting loudly from the kitchen every night as you and your brother tried, unsuccessfully, to sleep. Then, once again, when your beloved hamster, Pebbles, who used to ride in the basket attached to your bike, started getting sicker and sicker. I remember you crying later that your parents had taken him to your Aunt Martha's farm in Iowa, and that you would never see him again.

So of course Megan had every right to be worried, but I wasn't quite sure I wanted to get involved just yet. "She won't talk to me. She won't talk to any of our other friends; or any teachers. You have to try, Harper."

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A primate and an architect

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Big, fat fumbling knuckles sprouting DNA fur.

The erection hoists steel to
skyscraper and the sun
is a flashing button
he wants to slam against his thumb.

Tugging landslides to bang and chisel.

Corporate sponsorship gains him
a deli tray, so he must devour
seven pickle spears.

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He is forced to do so.

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wave flung out onto craft table,
wind sailing it's dog-eared tabs.

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the hips from vegetations

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Anger in fists grabs Eve by the hair.
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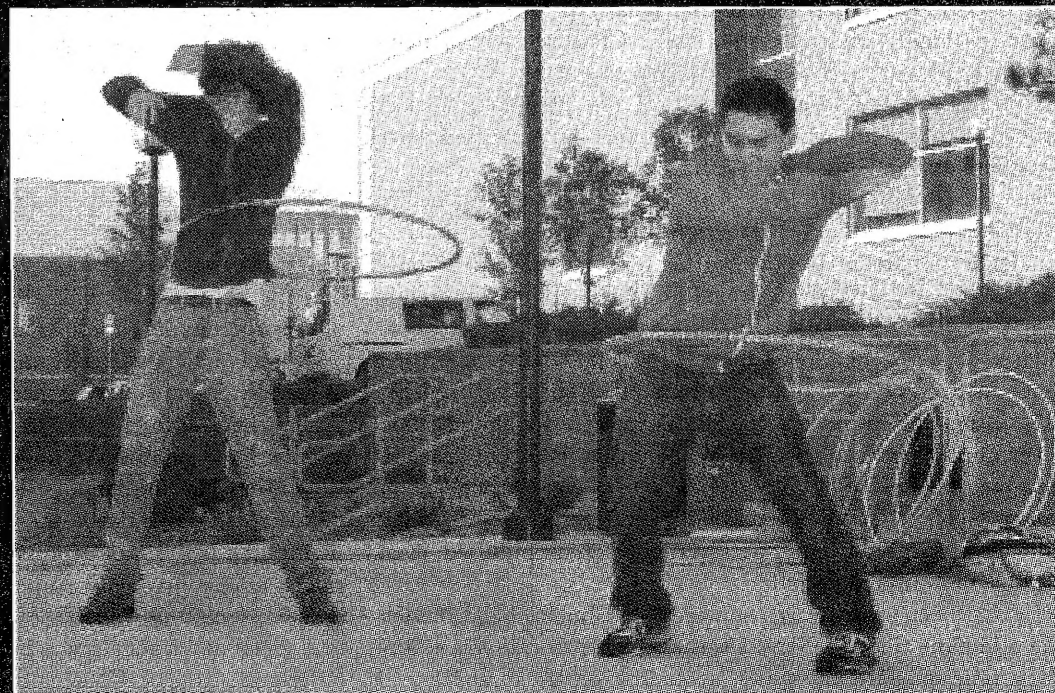
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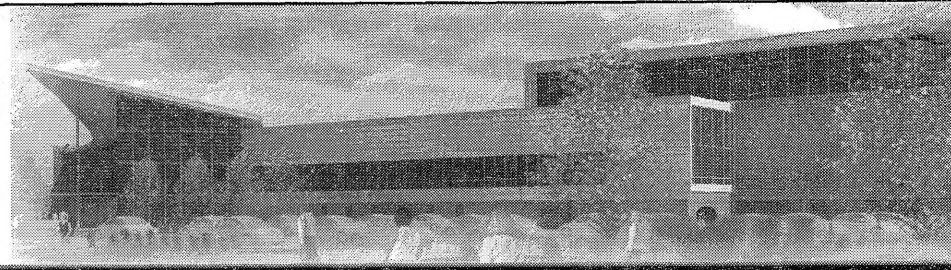
Kaylie Caldwell (left to right), Morgan Lucas and Kelly Mixan hula hoop during Chi Omega's hula hoop fundraiser on Tuesday. (CHRISTA HILLMER/THE GATEWAY)



Sophomore biosystems engineering major, Alek Ericson (left), and sophomore pre med student, Zach Cutler, hula hoop after donating money to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation during Chi Omega's hula hoop fundraiser on Tuesday. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

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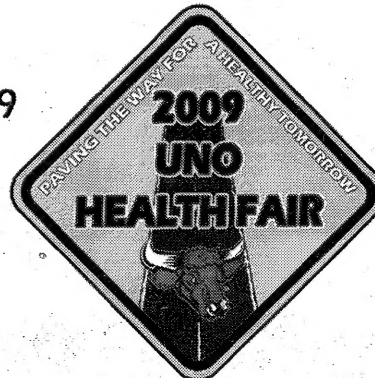
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